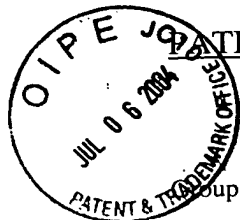


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Applicants: Patrick W. McManus et al.  
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AREA OF A VEHICLE  
Serial No.: 10/815,596  
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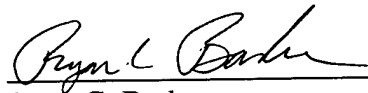
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None of the art cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 is believed to disclose or suggest the invention recited in the claims of the above-identified application. It is therefore believed that the claimed invention is patentably distinguishable over these references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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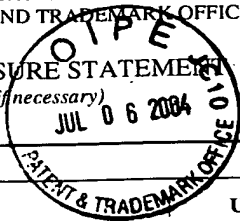
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